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THE HANDS OF SHANG-CHI™

MASTER OF  
KUNG FU

SPIDER-MAN™ &



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ONCE UPON A TIME...

THERE WAS A  
SPIDER AND A  
PRINCE.



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TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL TEXT OF A CHINESE FAIRY TALE.



THE SPIDER WATCHED THE YOUNG  
PRINCE WALKING THROUGH THE  
TALL WEEDS AND ASKED HIM,  
"NOBLE PRINCE WHY ARE YOU SO  
FAR FROM HOME?"

THE PRINCE ADMIRING  
THIS EIGHT LEGGED  
CREATURE AND SAID  
"MY FATHER IS THE  
RULER OF ALL THIS LAND.  
BUT HE IS A MEAN AND  
EVIL RULER WHO TREATS  
HIS PEOPLE AS IF THEY  
WERE ANIMALS ON A  
FARM. I AM WALKING  
TO FIND A LAND THAT  
HE DOES NOT HOLD RULE  
OVER. AND THAT IS  
WHERE I WILL LIVE."















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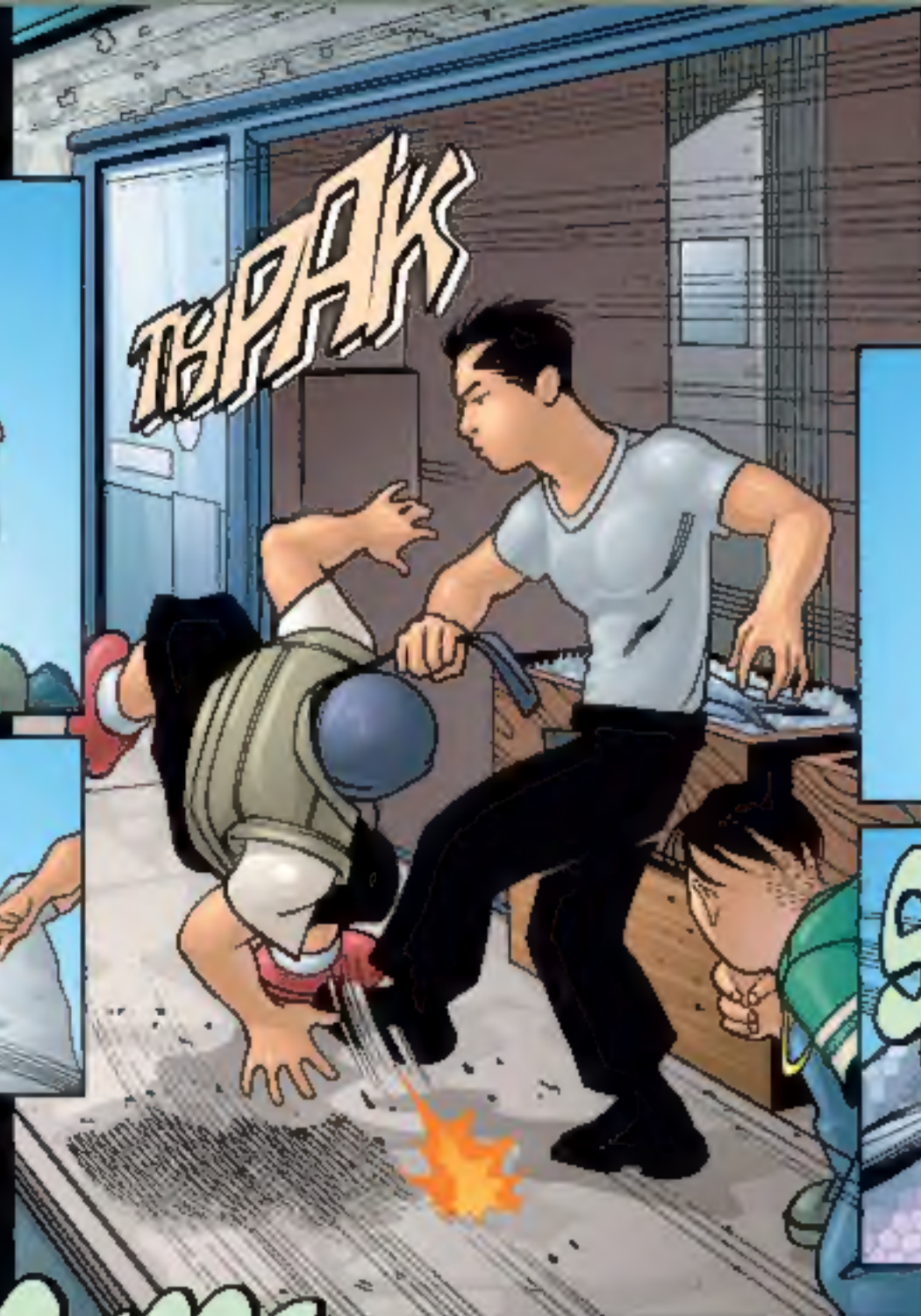
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Heir to a criminal empire, the noble warrior named Shang-Chi has renounced his father's wicked ways. Trained since birth to be the ultimate living weapon, Shang is the world's greatest martial artist. Now, he uses his fighting skills to protect others in an eternal game of death and deceit.

He is...

**SHANG-CHI,**  
**MASTER**  
**OF**  
**KUNG FU!**







THE SPIDER WATCHED AS THE  
DETERMINED PRINCE WALKED  
AWAY FROM HIS HOMELAND  
AND HIS BIRTHRIGHT.

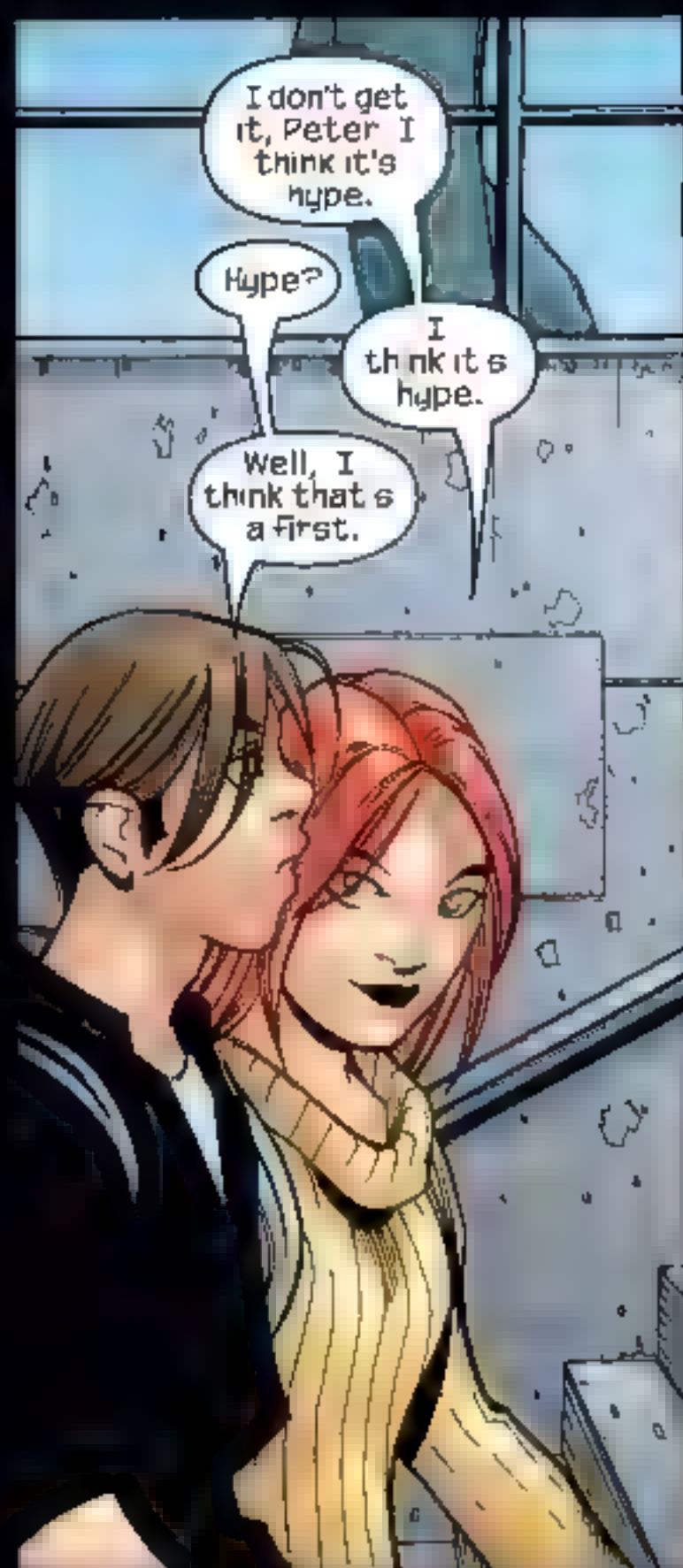
THE PRINCE NEVER  
LOOKED BACK AND  
NEVER BROKE HIS  
STRIDE.

THE SPIDER ASKED:  
"BUT YOUNG PRINCE,  
WHAT WILL YOU DO  
IN THIS NEW LAND?"



"IT MATTERS NOT," WHISPERED THE PRINCE.  
"I WILL EARN MY WAY IN THE NEW WORLD  
AS A MAN, NOT AS A PRINCE."





I don't get it, Peter. I think it's hype.

Hype?

I think it's hype.

Well, I think that's a first.



Well, I'm asking, is it good writing because everyone says it is? Or is it good writing?

I mean, if it's good writing then why is it so inaccessible? Why is it so hard to read?

MJ, The language might be inaccessible, but, come on, the characters aren't. The characters.

I don't know.



No, I'm telling you, the genius of the writing is that the themes or, you know, the characters--

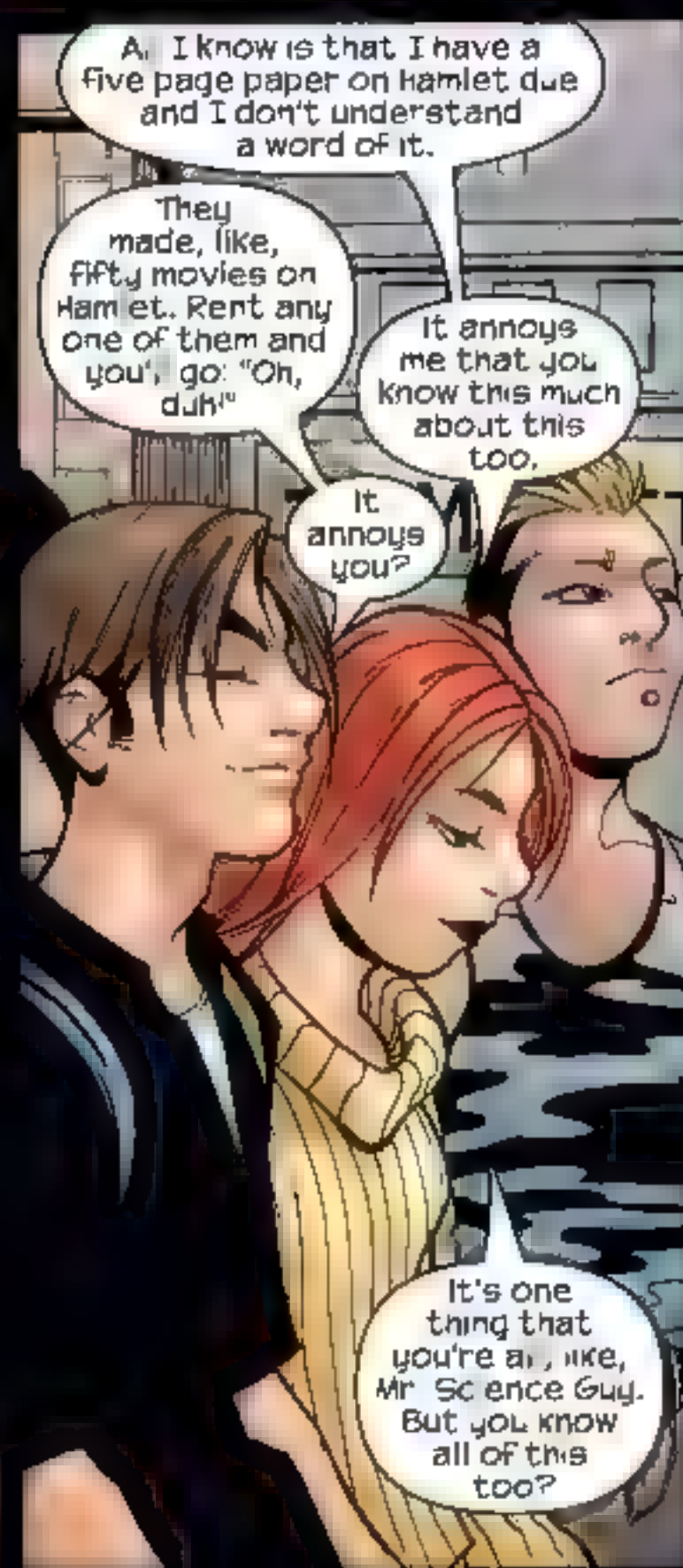
If you take them out of their original setting and give them a new place or a new time period-- they still hold true.

The humanity of it-- the drama-- they still hold true.

Think about that. It's amazing.

How many characters in the history of writing can still hold true if you move them into a new setting?

How many?



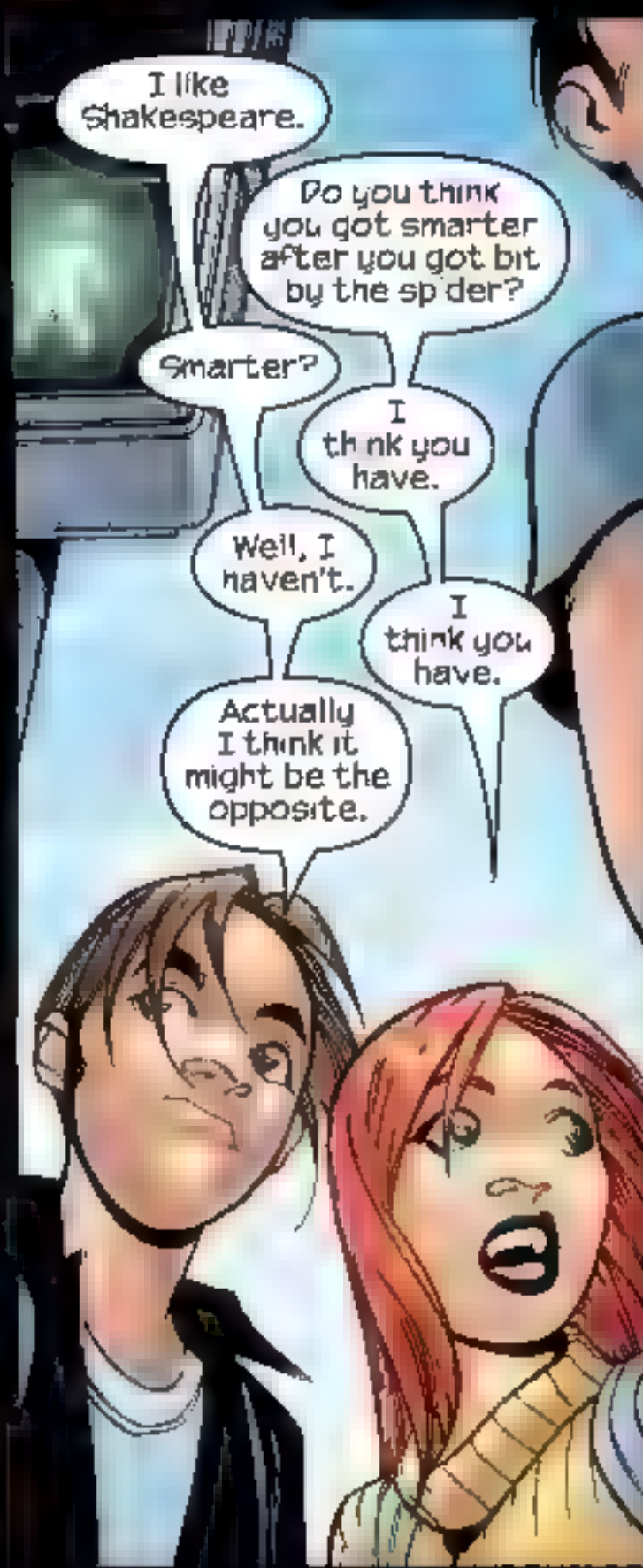
A. I know is that I have a five page paper on Hamlet due and I don't understand a word of it.

They made, like, fifty movies on Hamlet. Rent any one of them and you'll go: "Oh, duh!"

It annoys me that you know this much about this too.

It annoys you?

It's one thing that you're a, like, Mr. Science Guy. But you know all of this too?



I like Shakespeare.

Do you think you got smarter after you got bit by the spider?

Smarter?

I think you have.

Well, I haven't.

I think you have.

Actually I think it might be the opposite.



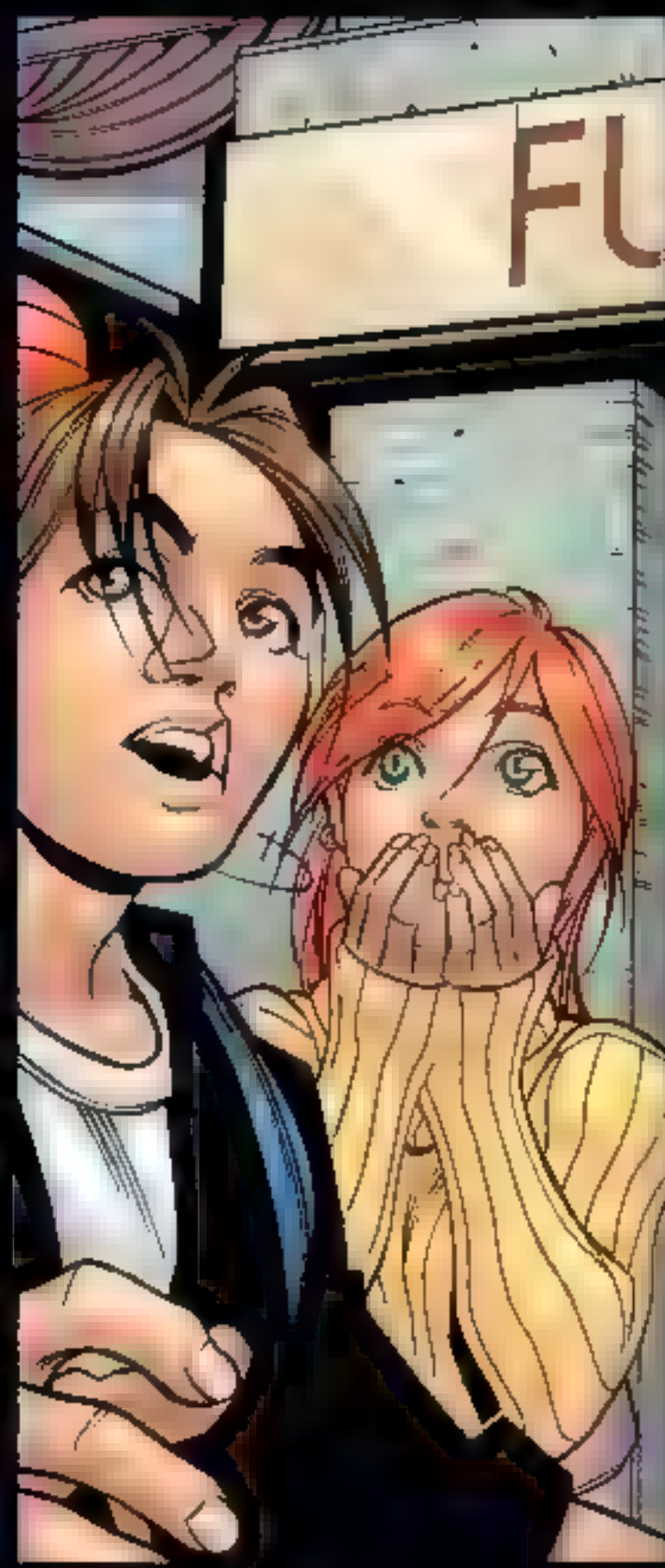
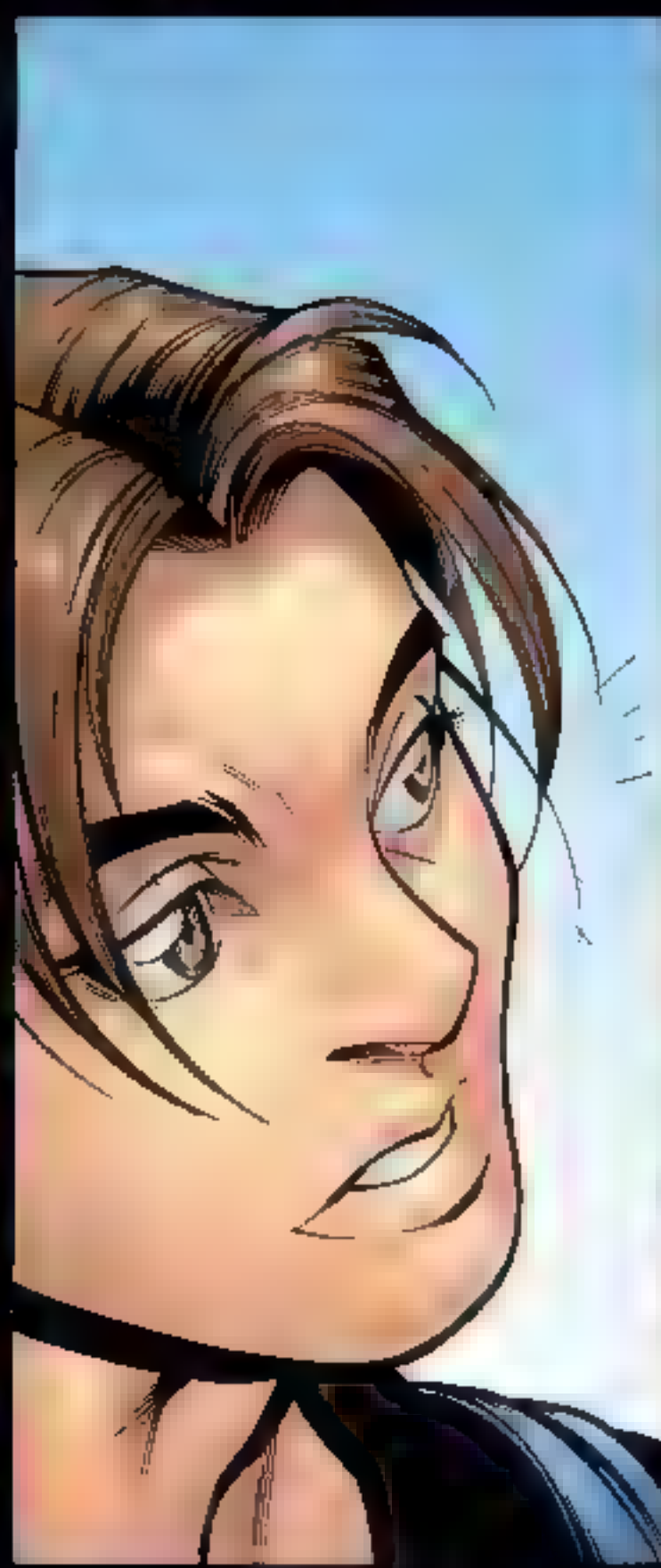
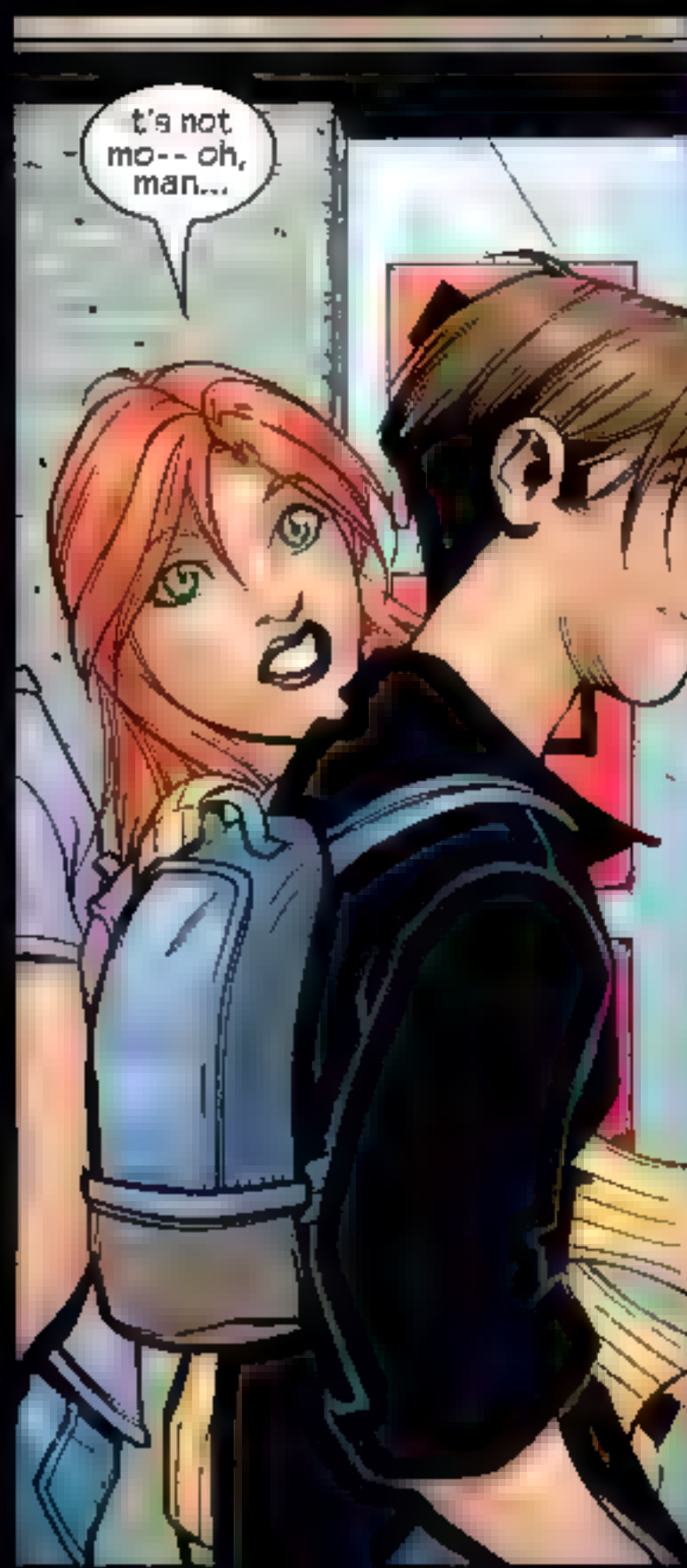
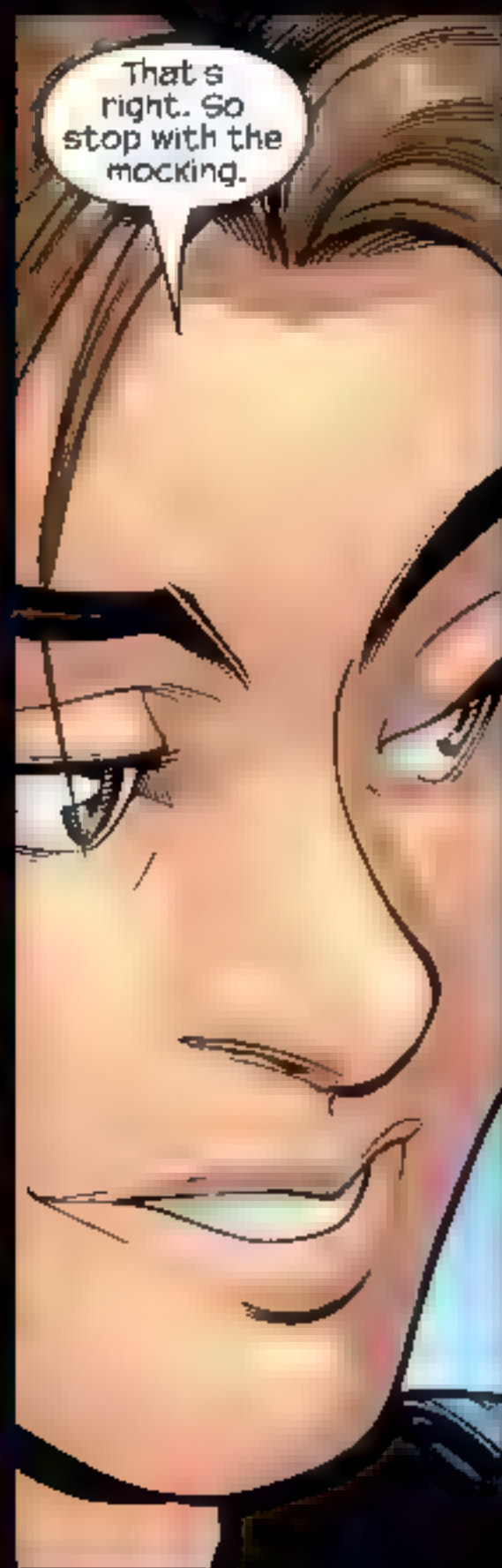
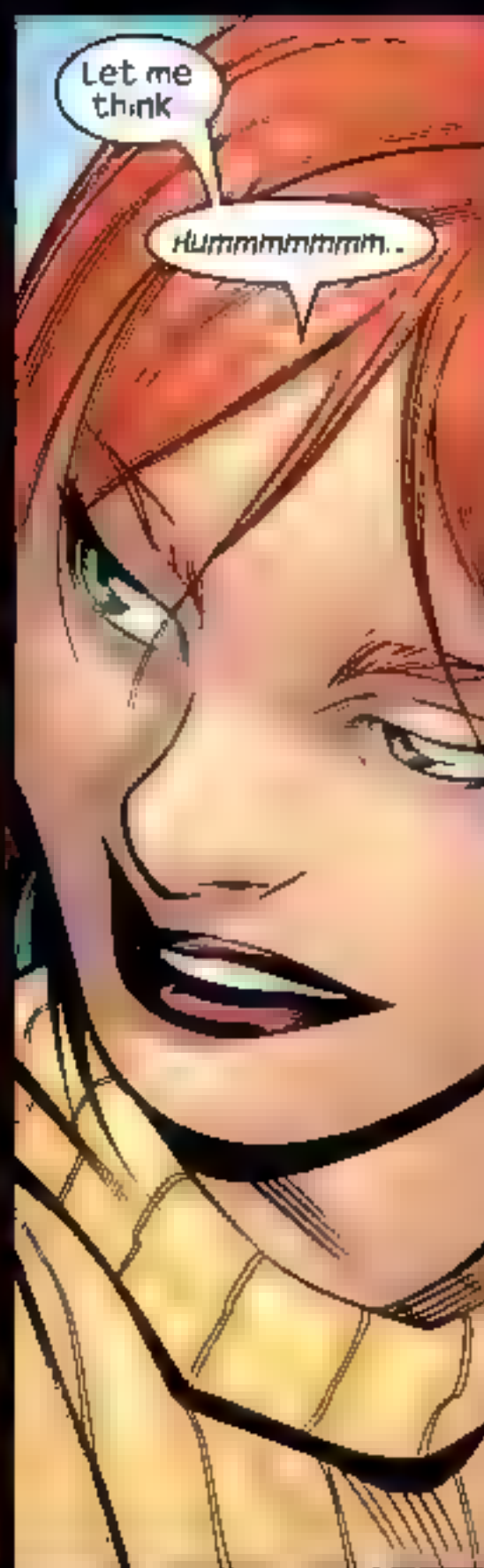
Oh, please.

The way things are going lately...

You always say stuff like that but it isn't true.

It's true.



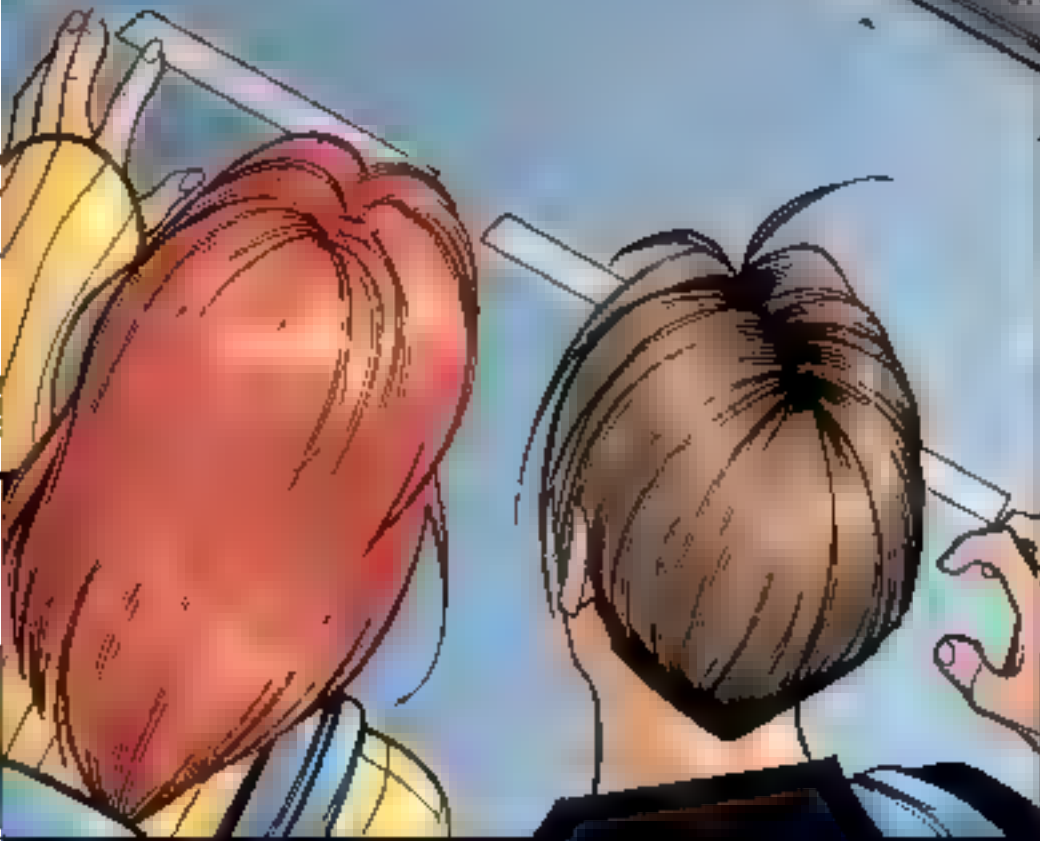
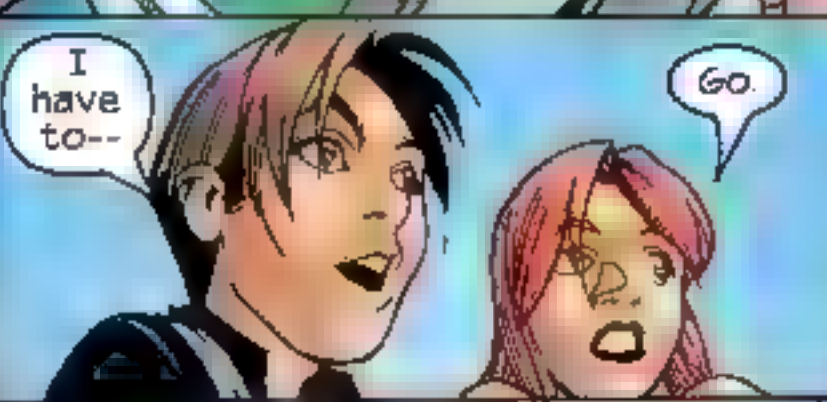






Think it's funny? Using your martial arts on a couple of kids?

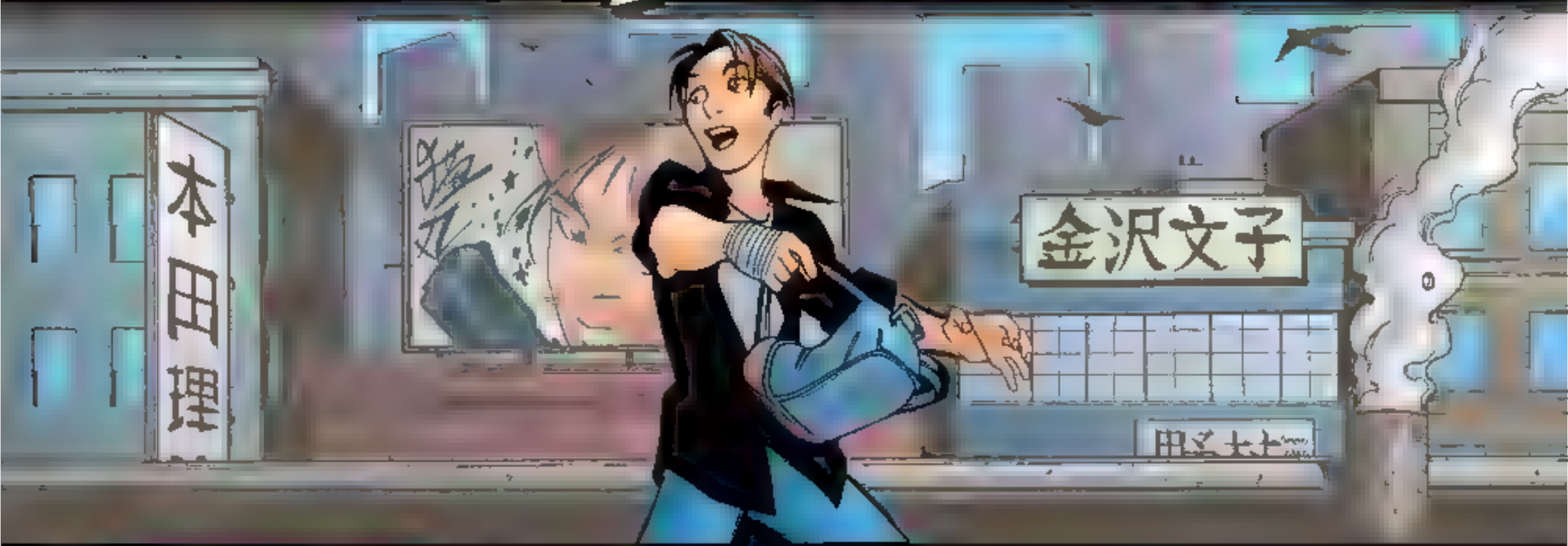
You didn't know they had connections.



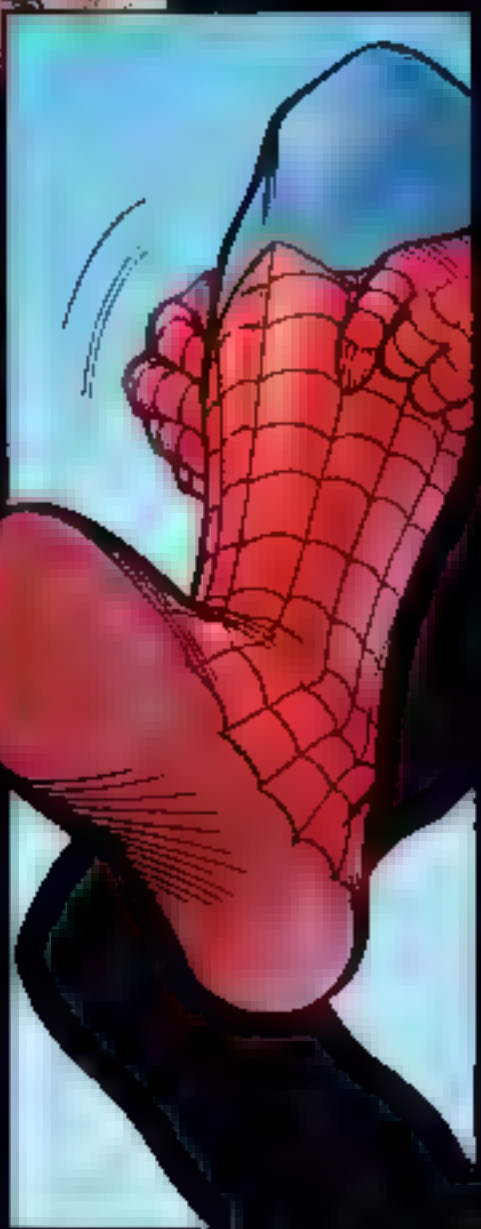
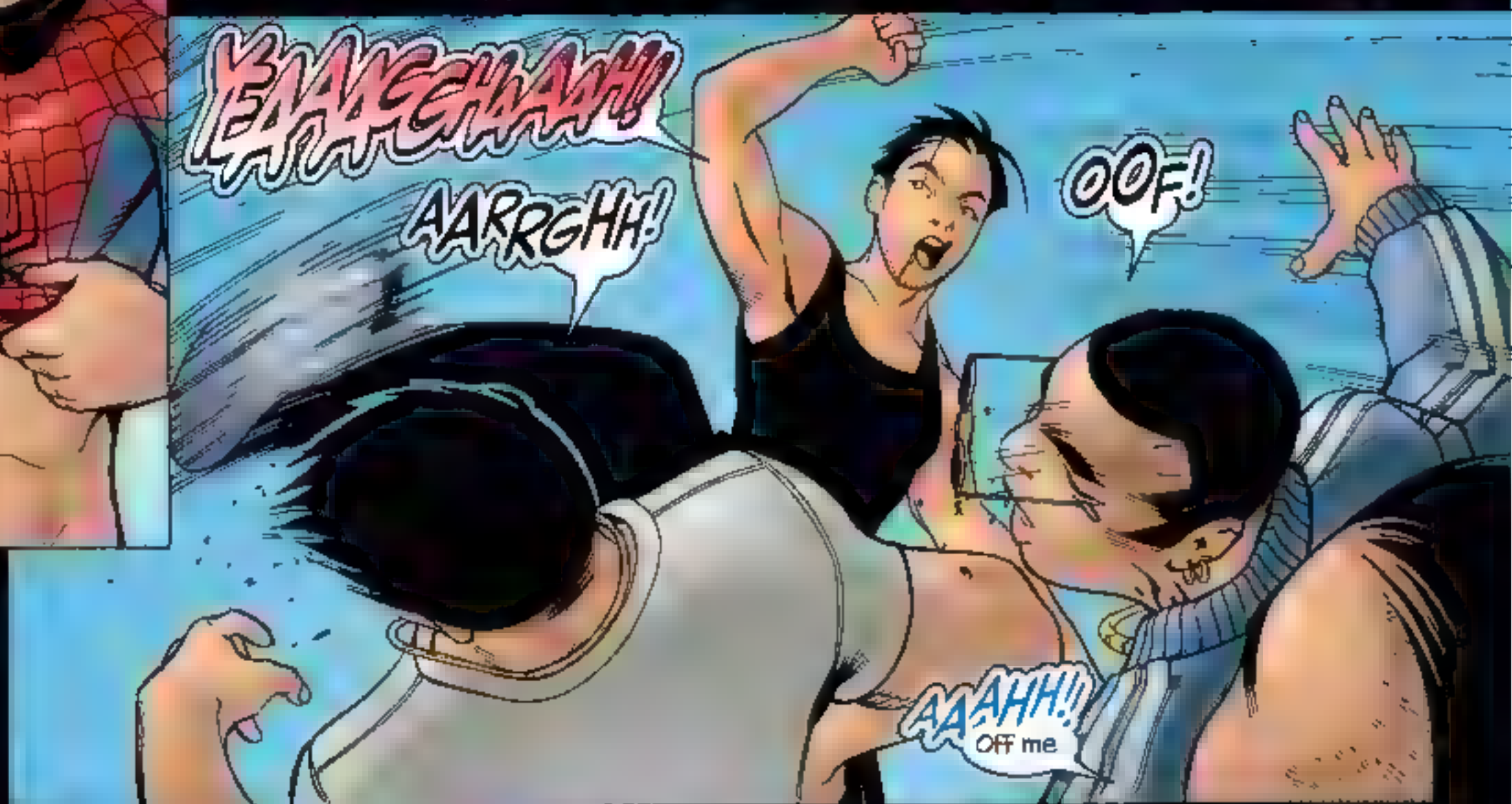
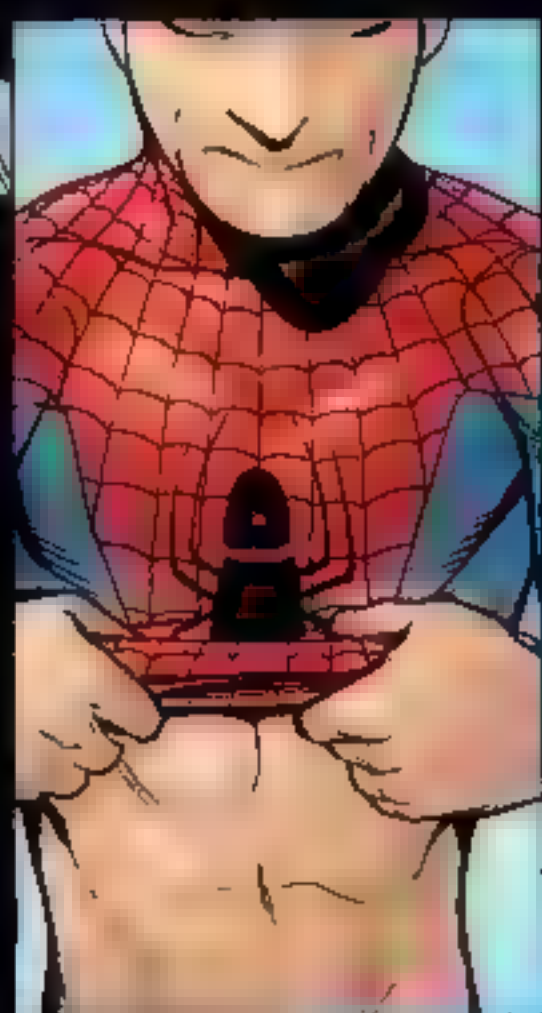
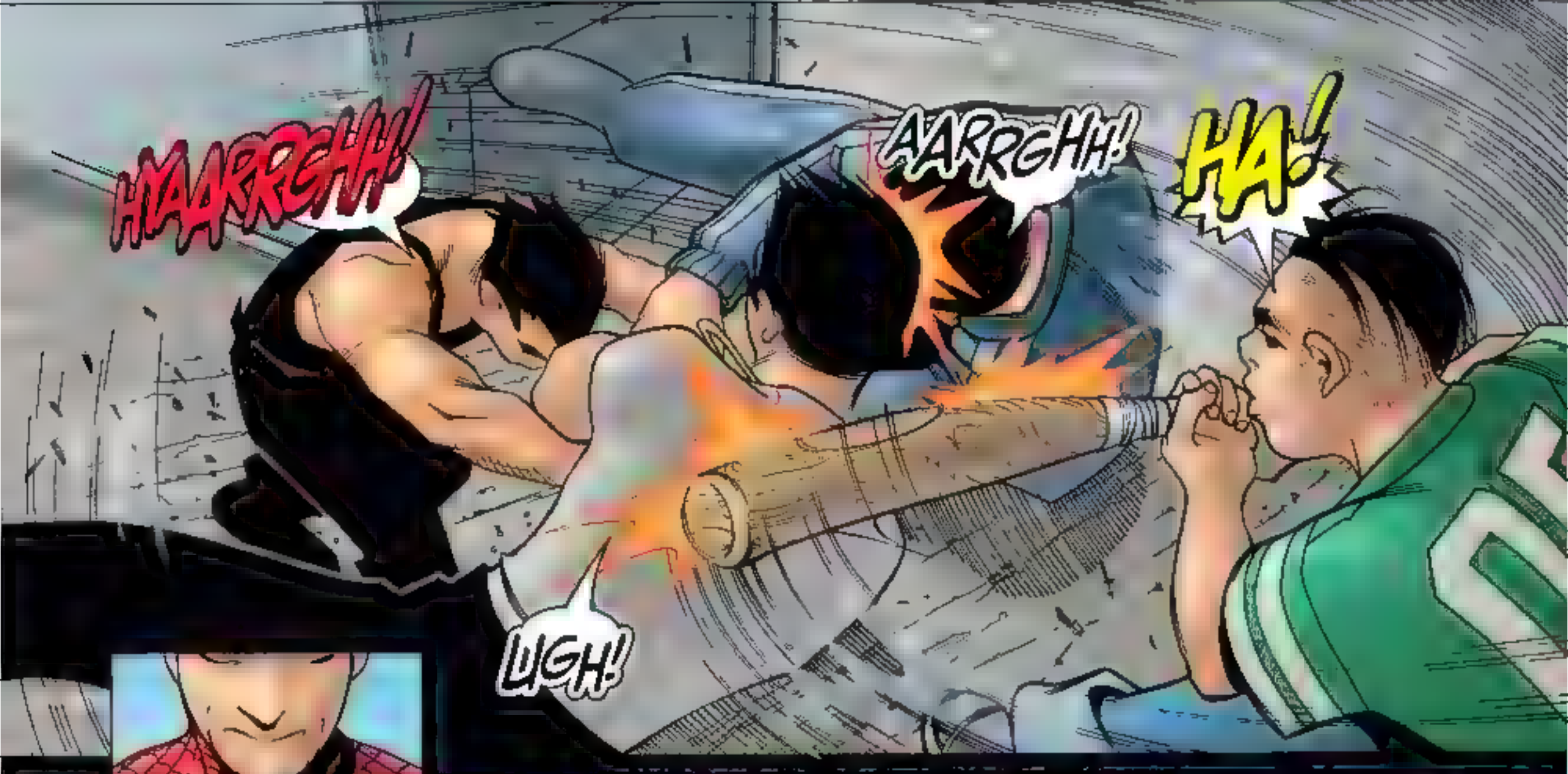
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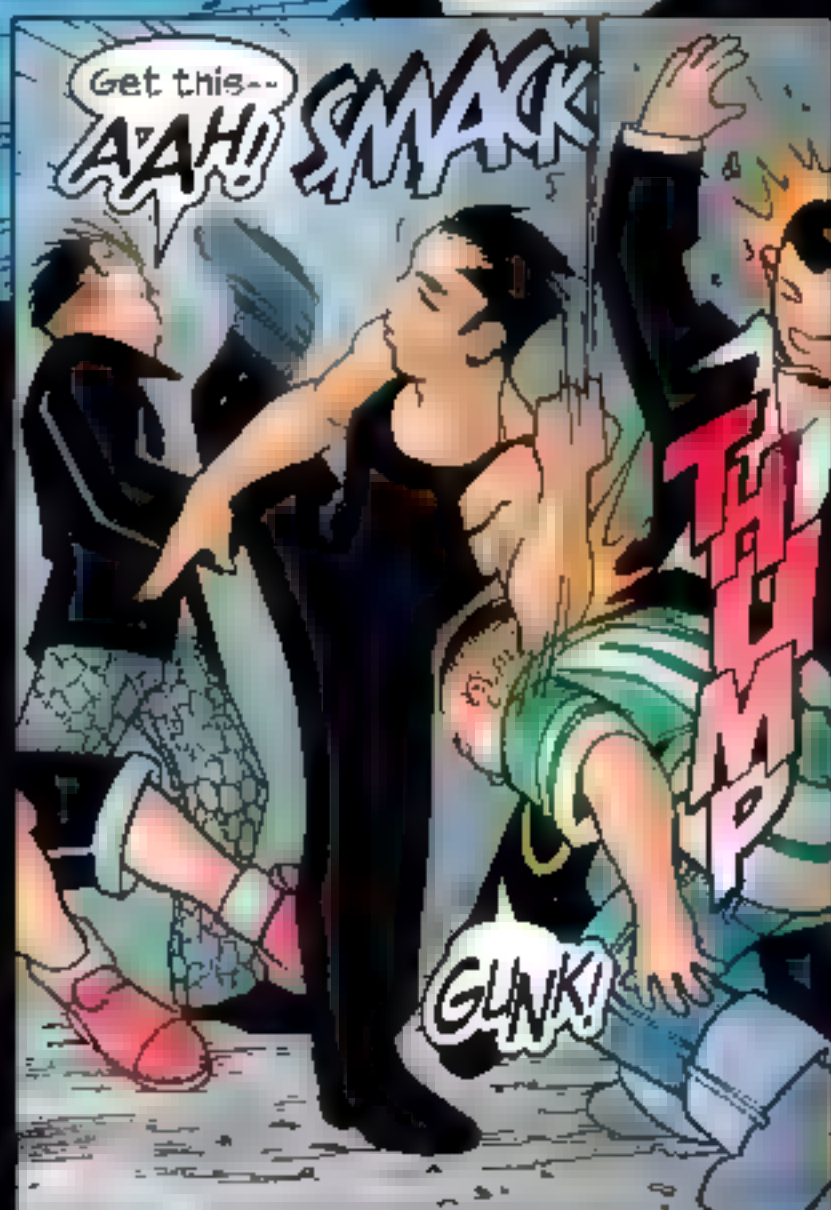




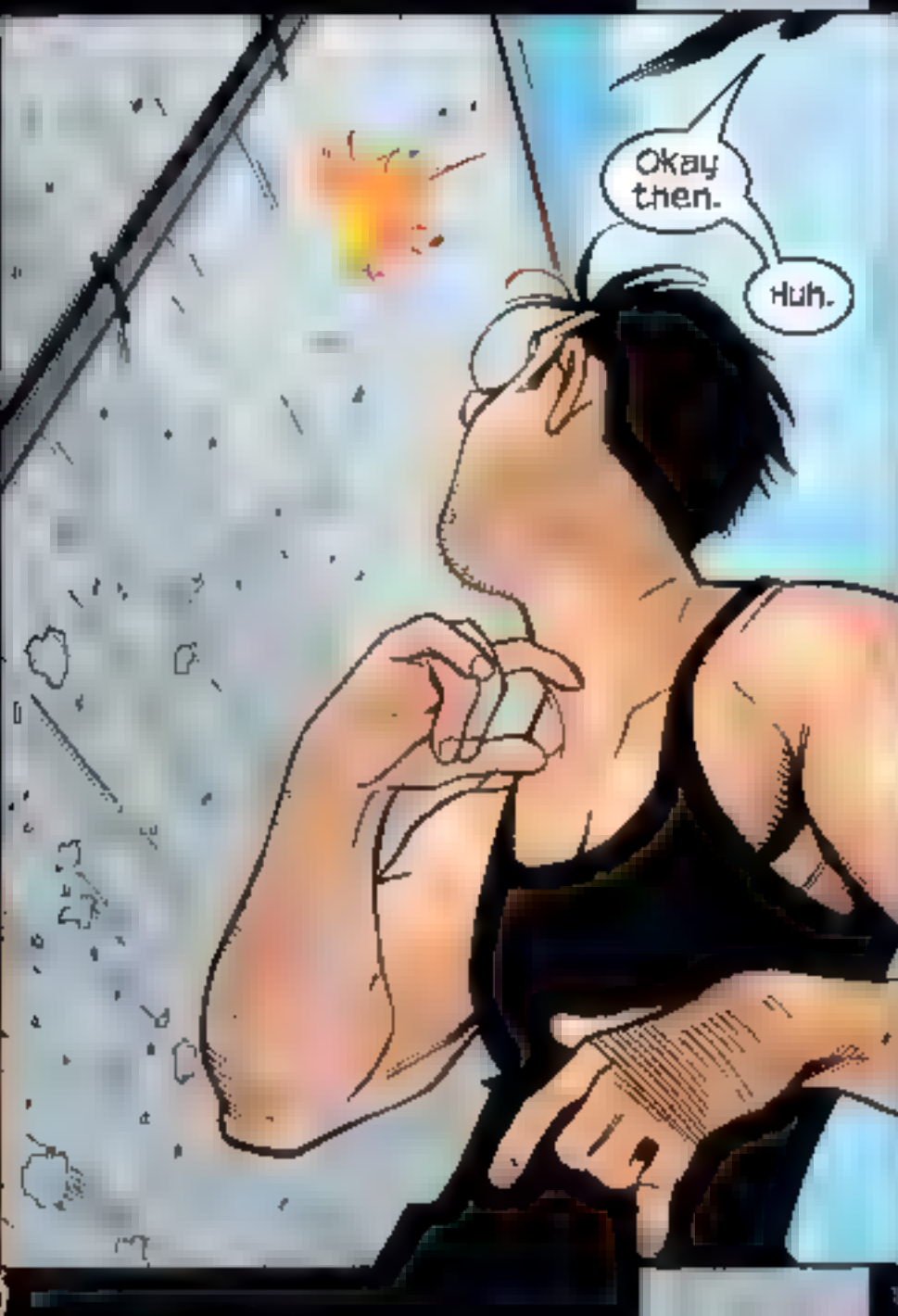
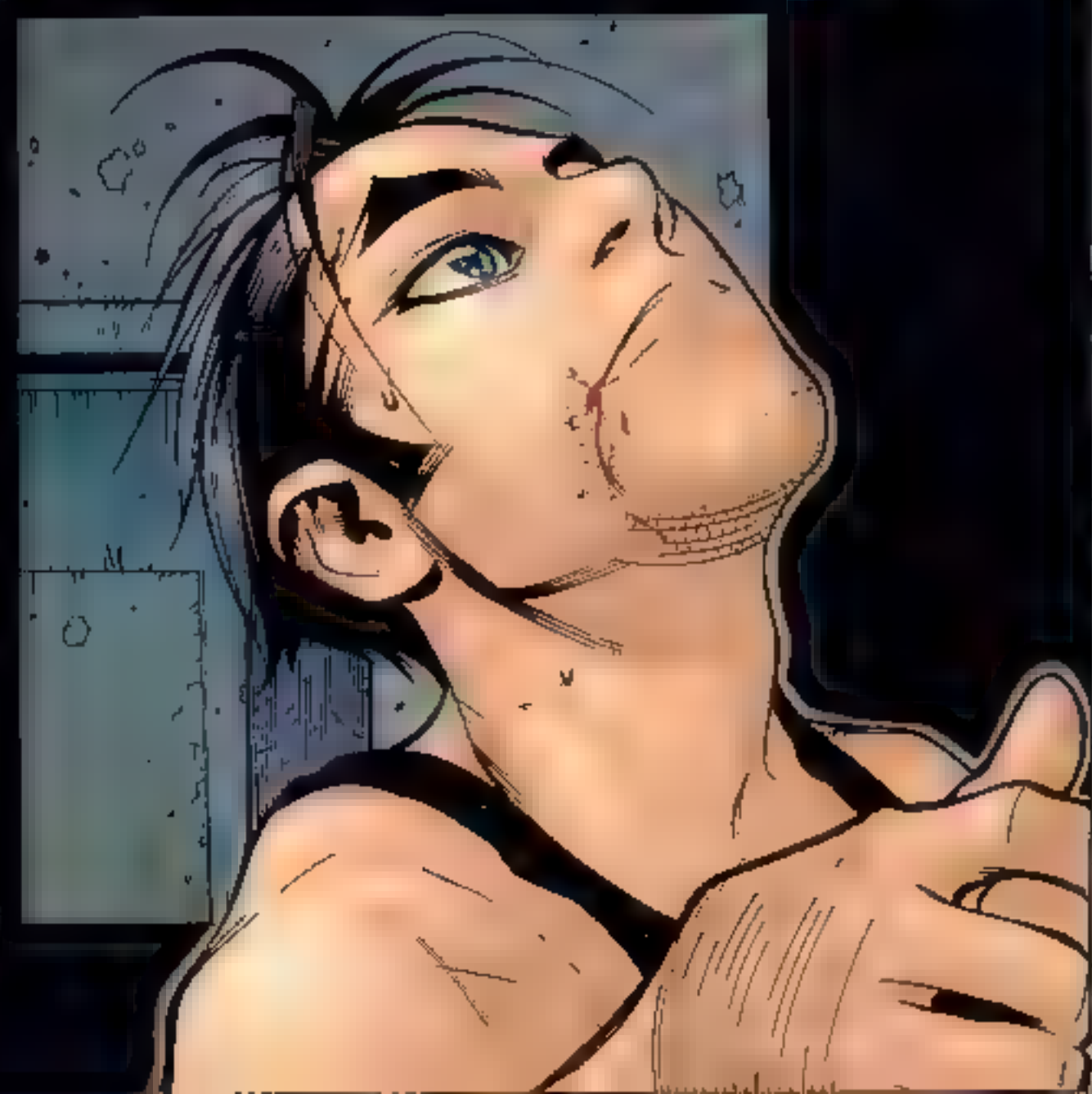
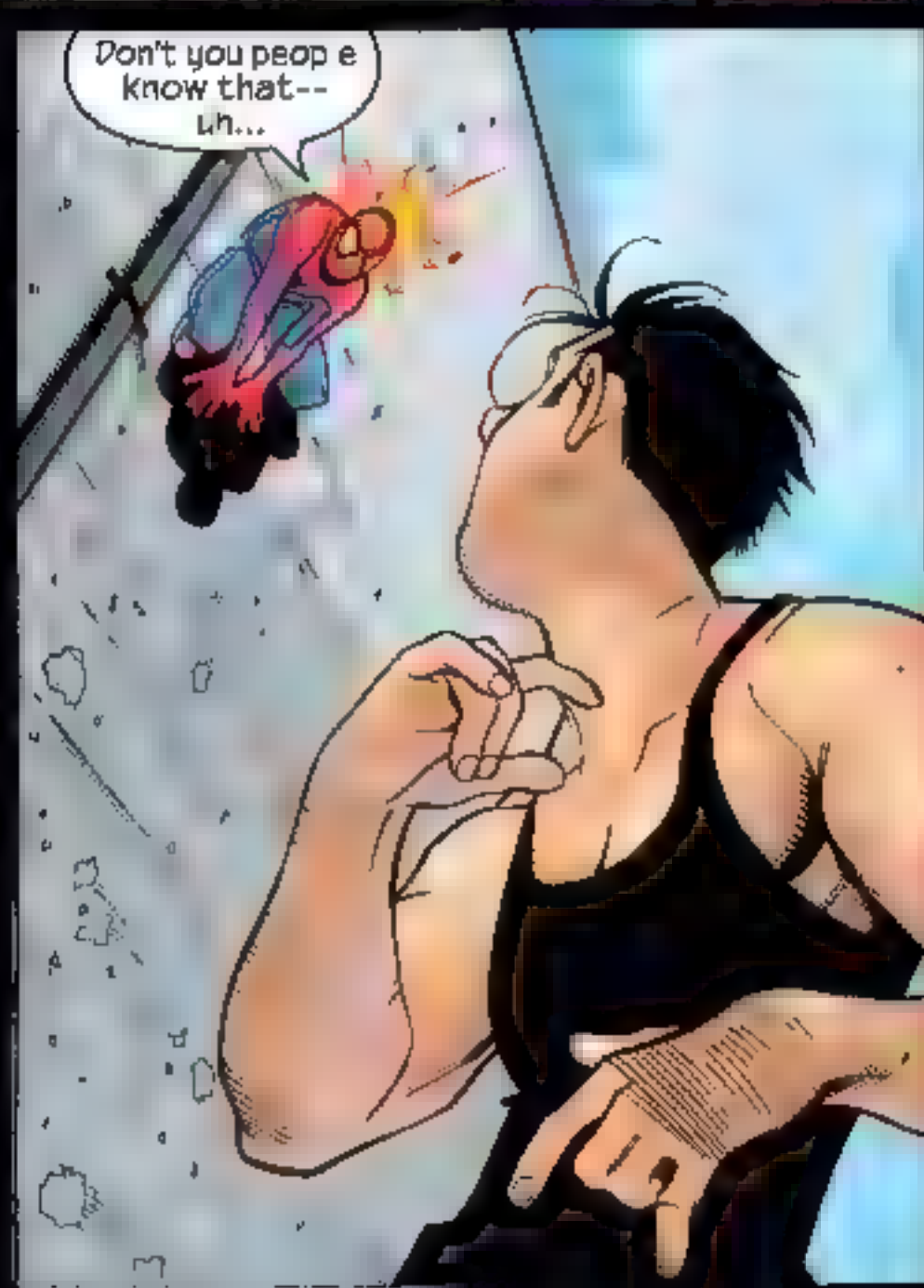
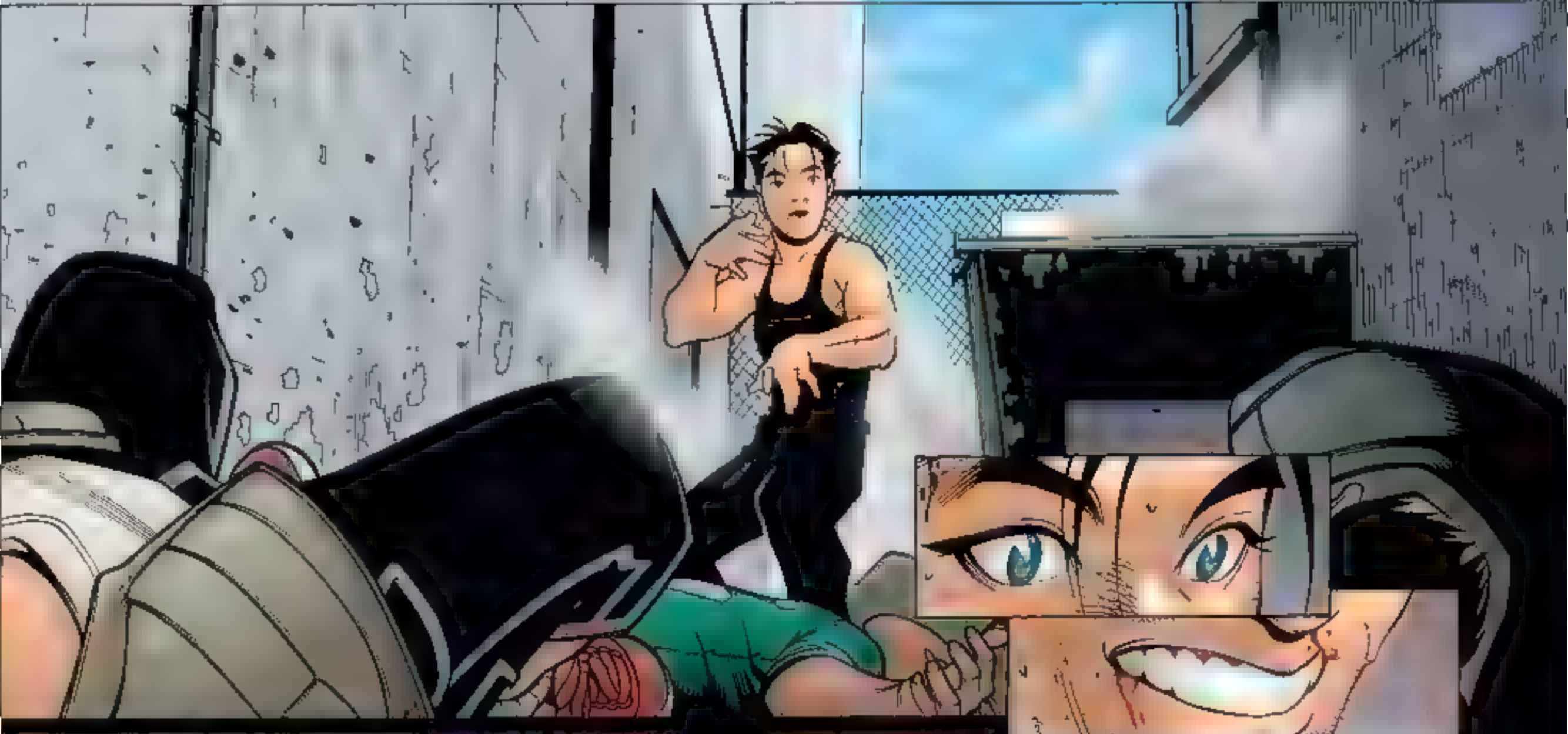




















Always with the bad boys.

Is he a bad boy? Seemed like the opposite to me.

Well, your stay with us is a short one; let's not worry our heads with fanciful, romantic...

I was just asking his name.



Well, to be honest, I do not *know* his name.

I just know that Kwan took him under his wing at the fish market-- just took him in off the street.

Crazy old fool.



This boy has been the only one to stand up to the gang of drug-addled, idiots that run our neighborhood crazy-- he stands right up to them.

Like animals they are.

And it's only a matter of time before they kill him for doing so.

So even though it was very nice of him to stop them from stealing from you-- it's best to stay away.



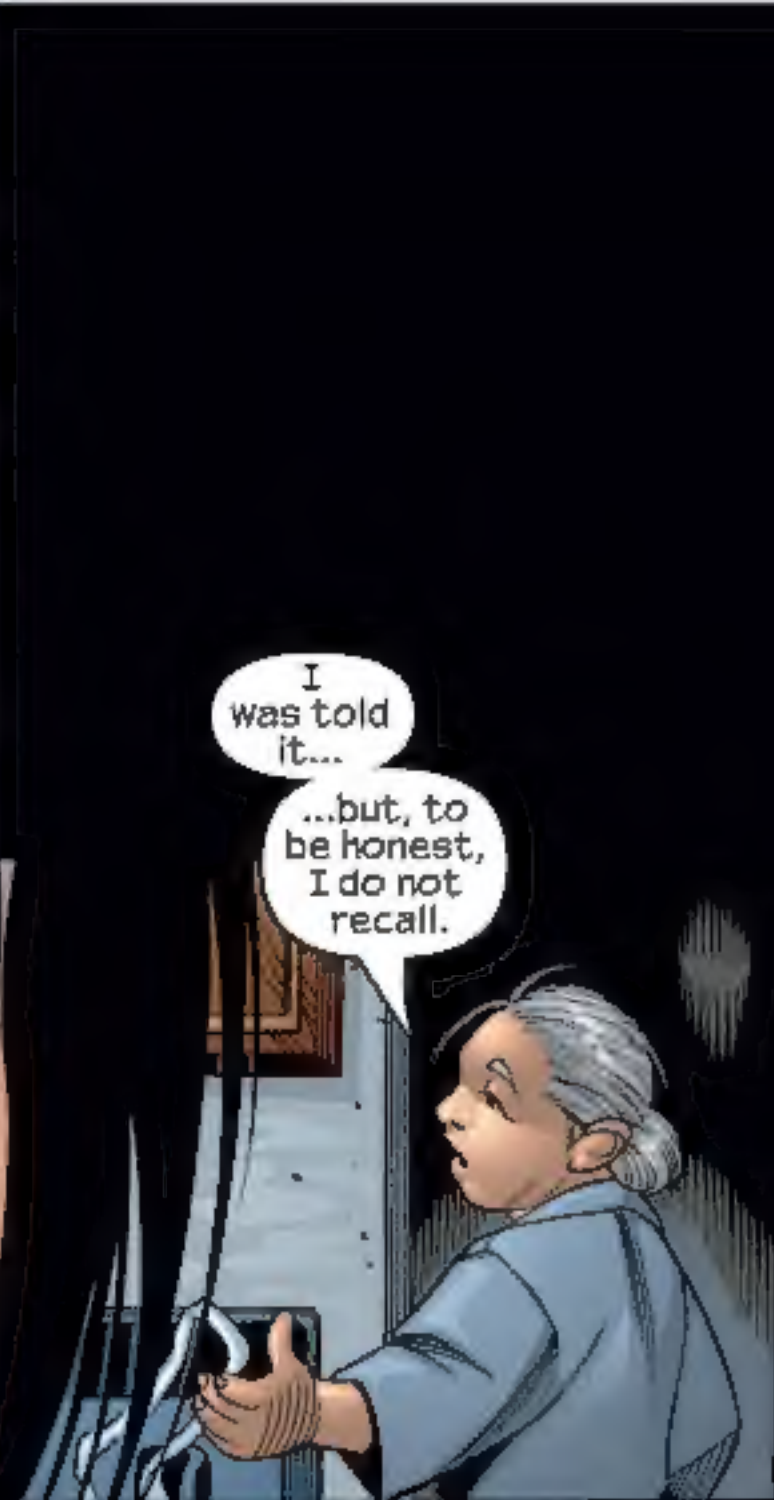
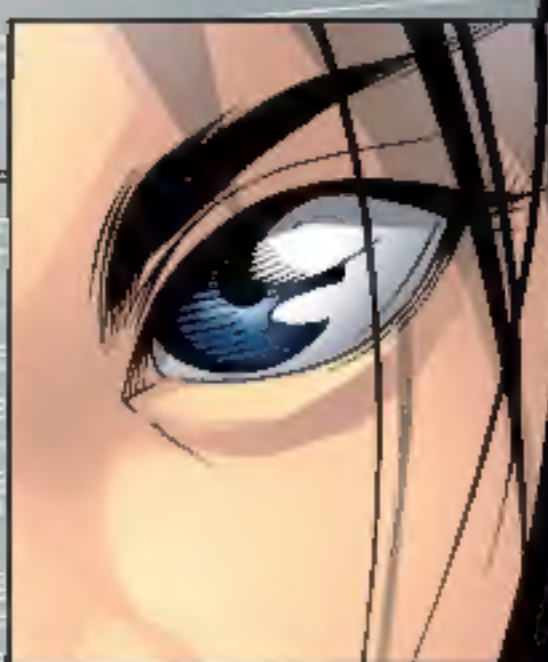
I don't want my lovely niece caught in the crossfire of idiots.







And you say you don't know his name.



I was told it...  
...but, to be honest, I do not recall.



It's Shang-Chi...  
...and I found him...

...like that.

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AND WHEN THE EVIL  
EMPEROR HEARD THAT  
HIS ONLY SON HAD  
RUN AWAY, HE CALLED  
FOR HIS MOST CUNNING  
SOLDIER TO BRING  
HIM HOME.

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BUT THE SOLDIER  
QUESTIONED THE DIFFICULT  
ORDER. "SIR, THE PRINCE  
IS STRONG OF WILL. WHAT  
DO I DO IF HE DOESN'T  
WANT TO COME HOME?"



"DO WHAT YOU MUST,  
MIGHTY WARRIOR, FOR  
THIS EMBARRASSMENT  
TO MY KINGDOM CAN  
NOT GO UNPUNISHED."

